THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration of the Ministry.

Forgery of judicial records in Patna High Court

578. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been instances of forgery/falsification of judicial records in Patna High Court resulting in filing of appeals in the same court on verdicts already delivered by a Division Bench of the same court;

(b) if so, whether investigation have been ordered on the remifications of this racket and whether involvement of court staff and members of the Bar Association has been established; and

(c) the action being initiated against the involved persons including the litigants?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) to (c) The Bench of the Patna High Court presided over by Hon'ble the Chief Justic and Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.N. Prasad *vide* order dated 8th August, 2002 passed in L.P.A. No. 859 of 2002, has directed the Registrar General of the Court to hold an enquiry in the matter. The Bench has further been pleased *vide* order dated 22nd October, 2002 to file complaint before the Chief Judicial Magistrate against the concerned persons under Chapter XI of Indian Penal Code, 1860. Besides, four members of the High Court staff have been placed under suspension.

Women Reservation Bill

579. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the proposal to introduce the long pending Bill reserving one-third of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislatures during the current Budget Session of the Parliament; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's attitude to bringing out such a legislation?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) In consonance with its commitment to empower the women and as agreed to in principle, by most of the political parties in the meeting of leaders of parties/groups in Parliament on 22.12.99 chaired by the Prime Minister, the Government has already introduced the Constitution (Eighty-fifth Amendment) Bill, 1999, on 23.12.1999, seeking to provide that as nearly as one-third of the seats shall be reserved for women in the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies of States. The said Bill is pending for consideration and passing in Lok Sabha.

(b) Does not arise.

Delimitation of Constituencies

580. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the formula, principle adopted and *modus operandi* finalised to implement the delimitation of constituencies of both Legislative Assemblies and Parliamentary Constituencies indicating proposed date from which the delimitation would come into actual operation, target set to complete various stages?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): The Delimitation Commission has undertaken the delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies in accordance with section 9(1) and other provisions of the Delimitation Act, 2002. The Delimitation Commission has informed that the principle adopted and *modus operandi* to implement the delimitation of constituencies are in conformity with articles 82, 170(3), 330 and 332 of the Constitution of India and the Delimitation Act, 2002. As regards the proposed date from which the delimitation would come into actual operation, the Delimitation Commission has informed that after completion of delimitation of each State, the Delimitation Commission shall issue a final order under section 10(1) of the Delimitation Act, 2002 in respect of each State. The said order shall take effect from such date as the President may by order specifty in terms of article 82 or article 170(3) of the Constitution. Section 10(6) provides that the Delimitation Commission shall endeavour to complete its work within two years of its constitution.